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Concerts are a great way to hear some amazing tunes, witness unbelievable shows and bond with others over the love of music. Radio 104.5's Winter Jawn is an amazing and exciting experience involving some of the top names in the alternative-rock genre, including Young the Giant and Matt & Kim. I've always loved attending concerts, especially ones in Philly. The City of Brotherly Love really knows how to appreciate music and the Winter Jawn takes attending a rock show to another level. ***For more, see page 4.***

## ICY-HOT

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1 Manayunk has partnered up with Founder's Brewing Co. for Philly Freeze-Out, starting at 11 a.m. on Jan. 26 at participating Manayunk locations. Events include an ice beer garden, a chowder-and-beer pairing crawl, a hot cocoa bar, live music and more.

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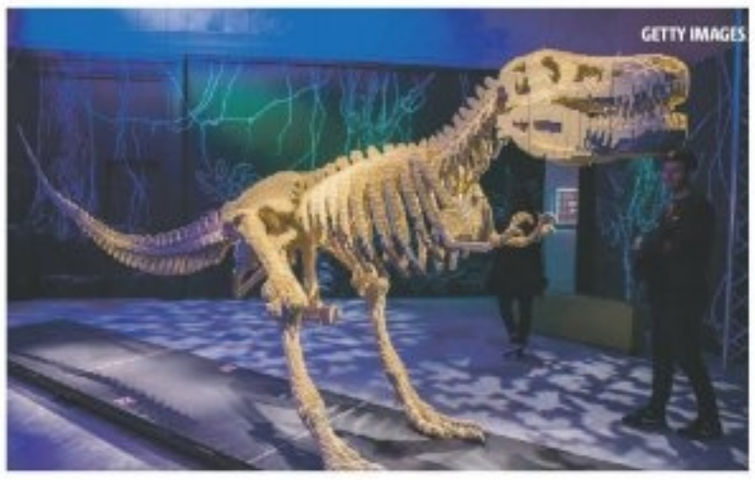
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2 The Academy of Natural Sciences is hosting this fun-filled evening featuring a dino-themed beer garden, scavenger hunts, a fossil prep lab, board games, tacos and much more. The exciting event starts at 4 p.m. on Jan. 25.

## GAME OF DAME

3 The Academy of Music Anniversary Concert and Ball is one of Philadelphia's most highly-anticipated charity events of the year. For 2019, Academy Award winner Dame Helen Mirren will be in attendance. The magical evening begins at 7 p.m. on Jan. 26.

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## SMELLS LIKE SPRING

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4 The Cherry Hill Mall has enhanced its shopping experience with this urban indoor garden featuring more than 30,00 colorful and gorgeous tulips. The garden is open seven days a week at the mall (hours depend on the day).

## 'WISH YOU WERE HERE'

5 The Wall, the traveling Pink Floyd tribute band, is coming to the City of Brotherly Love to play some of Pink Floyd's top hits including "Us and Them" and "Comfortably Numb." The magical show at the Fillmore starts at 8 p.m. on Jan. 27.

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# Sweet beats

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If you go:

Jan. 25, noon-5 p.m., Xfinity Live!, 1100 Pattison Ave., free-$55, radio1045.iheart.com

Philly's favorite local alternative-rock radio station, Radio 104.5, hosts an annual Winter Jawn concert featuring some of the biggest names in the alternative genre. Every year, the concert seems to get bigger and bigger with more hype, coverage and anticipation. This year promises to meet the hype with huge acts, plenty of talent and some interesting surprises.

Radio 104.5's Winter Jawn brings together the City of Brotherly Love to embrace one universal feeling — the love of music. The event is free and available for all ages. You do have to acquire tickets beforehand through designated free-ticket downloads, by winning them or by getting them in person at ticket raid events. Although the last batch of free tickets have been downloaded, the website does say to check back for the chance to score the coveted tickets.

There is also a VIP option for those who want to listen to the sweet tunes in style. The VIP ticket option (marketed as a $55 Hospitality Pass) includes a reserved private viewing area as well as a private VIP area in 1100 Social, four drink tickets (that includes beer, wine, mixed drinks and soft drinks), a food buffet (noon-2 p.m.) and private bathrooms. Any Philadelphian who wishes to purchase the Hospitality Pass must be 21 or older.

But who do you get to see with the general admission ticket/VIP pass? Main Stage acts include Young the Giant, Matt & Kim, lovelytheband and The Interrupters, with more acts performing on the New Music Discovery Stage such as Bob Moses, Keuning, Royal Teeth, Fitness and The Brevet. Back in December, Radio 104.5 asked the community who should be the local opener and the City of Brotherly Love answered with The Great Enough.

All of these amazing acts will perform throughout the event and fans have already been not-so-patiently awaiting the musical extravaganza — especially if they have attended the event in recent years. The anticipation is building, and rightfully so. With the concert being right around the corner, Philadelphians can expect this weekend to be electrifying and colorful.

The exciting event takes place at XFinity Live! and will go on through any weather circumstance, rain or shine (or snow). Winter Jawn is brought to you by Miller Lite, Family & Co. Jewelers, Skull Shaver, EBE Entertainment, Buckman's Ski Shop and Courtyard Philadelphia South at the Navy Yard.

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# Tituss Burgess on the 'emotional' final days of 'Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt'

It's time to bid farewell to the Netflix comedy series.

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When it comes to the final season of "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt," Tituss Burgess admits that it was emotional, but not in the sense you would think.

"It was interesting," says Burgess, who's earned four consecutive Best Supporting Actor Emmys for his role as Titus Andromedon. "It wasn't in the emotional sense you would think. It was very emotional, don't get me wrong. But the way it was spread out, we wrapped almost a year ago. And so, to sort of continue on, I guess the rest of the world is sort of now experiencing its own sort of mourning."

The success of "Kimmy Schmidt," and Burgess' work in the show, meant that the actor was extremely busy shooting the Rudy Ray Moore biopic "Dolemite Is My Name" with Eddie Murphy while production on the comedy was coming to an end. So he was just too exhausted to be overwhelmed by it.

**"I will never be that lucky again, to have a team of writers catered to my strengths in such a way that it was such an effortless fit."**

"I didn't have an opportunity to have the — how do I phrase it — to have the time to process. It was all happening so fast."

Burgess is clearly a little disappointed that he didn't get the proper chance to grieve the end of "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt."

"I didn't have the opportunity that I wish I had had. To really go through my mourning phase. But what I walked away with, though, were the memories that it was such a beautiful, beautiful experience," says Burgess. "I will never be that lucky again to have a team of writers catered to my strengths in such a way that it was such an effortless fit. And the cast. I mean, look, they're first-rate. It doesn't get much better than Carol Kane, Jane Krakowski, my sister, Ellie Kemper."

*The final episodes of "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt" are now on Netflix.*

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## MIKE CARLSEN TALKS TITUS AND MIKEY REUNION

The second half of "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt"'s final season hits Netflix today, which means that fans of co-creators Tina Fey and Robert Carlock's ridiculous show about a cult captive-turned-New York City dreamer have a lot of catching up to do. Mike Carlsen, who plays fan-favorite Mikey Politano, is sad to see it all coming to an end.

However, as the Broadway actor-turned-TV and film star explains it to Metro, he's incredibly happy and thankful that he got to be a part of something so positive and adored.

"At the end of the day, it's about love and the people we love," he says. "You don't know particularly what attracts one person to another, but you can feel it when there is something palpable and real between two people."

This is especially true of his character's on-again, off-again romance with Titus Andromedon (Tituss Burgess). The final episodes will see the pair of former lovers-turned-friends reuniting in sweet and unpredictable ways.

"I think that is what people really gravitated toward with Titus and Mikey's relationship, and maybe with Mikey in particular," Carlsen continues. "I've known Tituss for a long time. There's a lot of love between us, both on- and offscreen. I have the most ultimate respect for him as an artist. He's an enigma. He is a singular talent, and I believe that everything the audience sees us sharing on-screen feels so real because there's a real relationship there."

Titus and Mikey's complicated relationship is definitely one of the standouts of the series, but as Carlsen admits, he and everyone else on the show are going to miss it as much as the viewers.

"I'm really going to miss playing him because he is the most loyal, kindest and most giving person that I think I've ever played," he says. "I'm going to miss this relationship and this soul that I got to embody for four years. There is a trueness and a joy to Mikey. He has a heart that is so special, and I think the world needs more of that."

Of course, Carlsen is also going to miss working for Fey, whom he calls "the best boss that anyone could ever ask for."

"She was the first person to come up to me after we wrapped shooting my final scenes. She is caring and she makes everyone feel as if they are a huge part of what's going on at any moment. Whether they're on the crew, a PA or working at craft services, she's always there to make us all feel at home. So I'm obviously going to miss that, too." **ANDREW HUSBAND**

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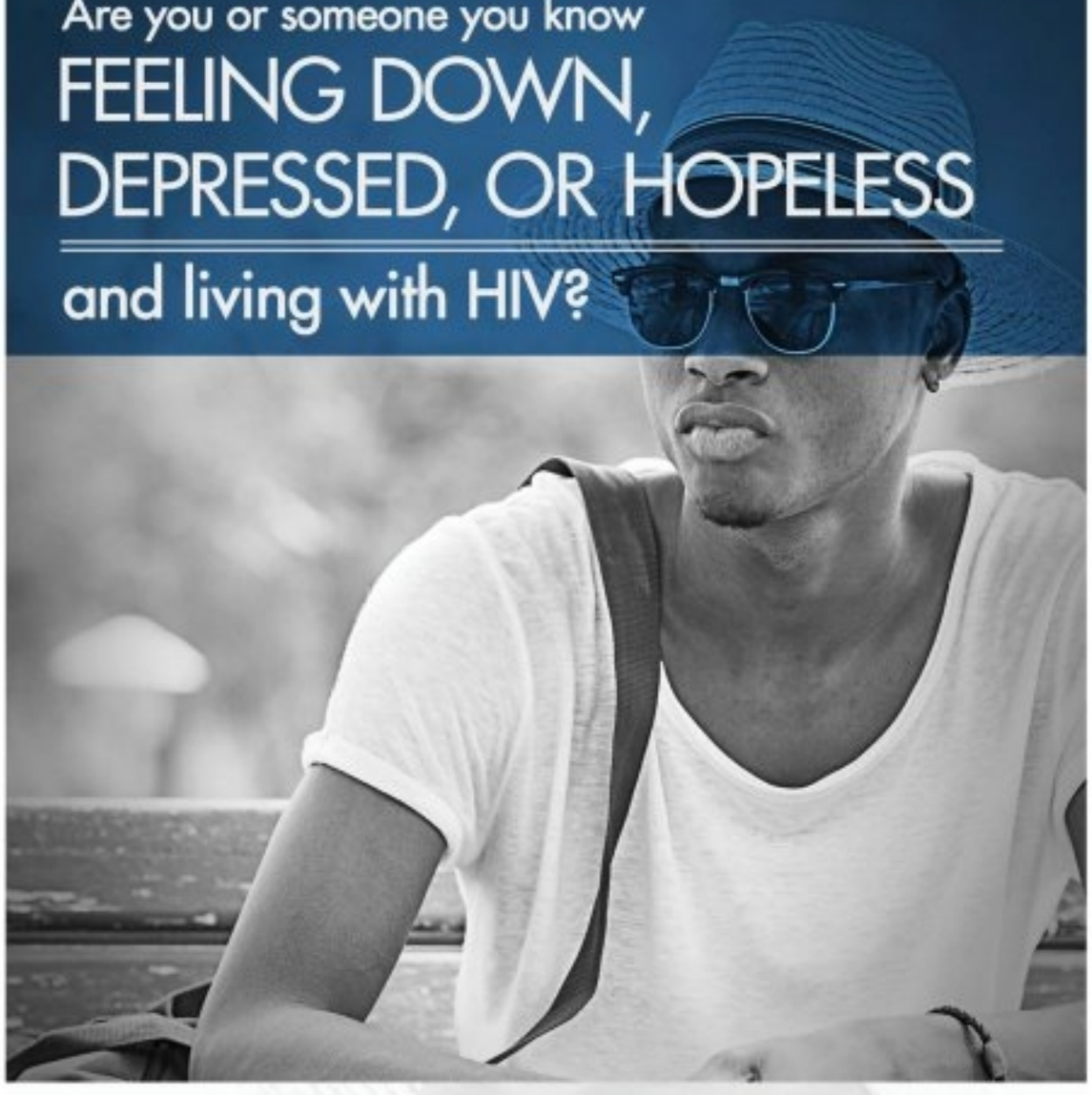

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## 26 'Dancing with the Stars: Live!'
**Jan. 26**

The smash hit dance competition show is coming to Philly to bring all the tango, waltz and salsa the city can handle. **Jan. 26, 8 p.m., The Met Philly, 858 N. Broad St., $40-$125**

## 26 Hands-on Pasta Class
**Jan. 26**

Join in on this interactive pasta-making class, where you will learn how to make your own carb-filled creation. **Jan. 26, noon, Amis Trattoria, 412 S. 13th St., $125**

## 27 'The Wall Live Extravaganza'
**Jan. 27**

The traveling Pink Floyd tribute band is coming to Philly to play some of the beloved band's greatest hits. **Jan. 27, 8-11 p.m., The Fillmore, 29 E. Allen St., $37-$55**

## 1 Philadelphia Winter Craft Beer & Cocktail Festival
**Feb. 1**

Try all of the hoppy, sweet and unique flavors of the winter season with plenty of tasty alcoholic options. **Feb. 1, 6:30-11 p.m., 23rd Street Armory, 22 S. 23rd St., $14-$59**

## 2 Baby Boer Goat Yoga
**Feb. 2**

If you want to get in shape in a fun way, try doing yoga with a cute and cuddly baby goat on your back. **Feb. 2, 3-4 p.m., 1914 E. Passyunk Ave, $44**

## 2 Lunar New Year
**Feb. 2**

Celebrate the Chinese New Year with activities like dragon puppets, Chinese lantern making and more. **Feb. 2, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Independence Seaport Museum, 211 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd., $14-$19**

## 6 Philly Cooks 2019
**Feb. 6**

Fifty of the best restaurants in the city are set to feature some of their most popular and tastiest dishes. **Feb. 6, 6:30-9 p.m., 2300 Arena, 2300 S. Swanson St., $108-$118**

## 8 Van Winkle Weller Whiskey Tasting
**Feb. 8**

Whiskey lovers can indulge at this event where they will get to sample four highly-rated bourbons and more. **Feb. 8, 7-9 p.m., The Twisted Tail, 509 S. 2nd St., $218**

## 9 Pre-Valentine's Lock and Key Singles Party
**Feb. 9**

Single gals will wear a lock around their necks while eligible bachelors will wear a key at this dating event. **Feb. 9, 8-10 p.m., Fox and Hound, 1501 Spruce St., $21**

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## 9 Philadelphia Onesie Bar Crawl
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Break out your best onesie and travel from bar to bar, including Concourse and Raven, during this fun crawl. **Feb. 9, 2-10 p.m., Howl at the Moon, 258 S. 15th St., $13-$42**

## 14 Sweetheart Skate at Winterfest
**Feb. 14**

Enjoy the Blue Cross RiverRink at the exciting Winterfest by the Delaware River Waterfront with your sweetheart. **Feb. 14, 7-10:30 p.m., Blue Cross RiverRink, 101 S. Christopher Columbus Blvd., free**

## 15 Big Philly Beerfest
**Feb. 15**

Time to sample some of the most unique, hoppy and refreshing brews around at Philly's biggest beer fest. **Feb. 15, 7-11:30 p.m., Pennsylvania Convention Center, 1101 Arch St., $45-$65**

## 16 Boys II Men
**Feb. 16**

Boyz II Men is coming to the City of Brotherly Love to perform some of their greatest hits including "I'll Make Love to You." **Feb. 16, 8-11 p.m., The Met Philadelphia, 858 N. Broad St., $49-$99**

## 17 Fire and Ice Festival
**Feb. 17**

The ice pertains to an impressive ice sculpture competition while the fire is a delicious and spicy chili cook-off. **Feb. 17, 1-4 p.m., City Tap House, 3925 Walnut St., free**

### WHERE TO EAT IN PHILLY THIS WEEKEND

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# The week's top gossip news

Celebrity and entertainment news is always juicy. Even if you don't keep up with tabloids or regularly check gossip websites, everyone loves their daily dose of the "tea." Metro has the scoop on the biggest scandals, shockers, shades and all-around crazy tidbits that have the celebrity world in a tizzy. Here are the biggest gossip stories of this week. **MOLLY GIVEN**

### CHRIS BROWN IS ARRESTED

A 24-year-old model accused the singer of sexually assaulting her for over 30 minutes at his hotel in Paris. The model, who is using the pseudonym "Karima," said she was forcefully convinced to go back to the singer's hotel where there were a dozen people, had her cellphone taken and also said that one of Brown's friends and his bodyguard raped her shortly after she was assaulted by Brown. Brown vehemently denied the claims, tweeted that the accusation was ludicrous and is even suing Karima for defamation.

### CHARLIZE THERON AND BRAD PITT, HOLLYWOOD'S NEW "HOTTEST COUPLE"?

Brad Pitt and Charlize Theron are rumored to be dating after being spotted looking mighty cozy at an event together. A source even told The Sun that the relationship had been blossoming for a few weeks after the pair ironically met through Theron's ex Sean Penn. Neither Theron or Pitt had confirmed or denied the relationship, but the source did say that the pair "were ridiculously touchy-feely" and "both looked really happy."

### ARIANA GRANDE IS ACCUSED OF CULTURAL APPROPRIATION WITH HER SONG "7 RINGS"

Grande is accused of appropriating Asian culture by using Asian lettering with no obvious ties to herself or the song. Grande also sings a lyric referencing her hair, saying she "just bought it," which drove fans to claim the singer was also appropriating African-American culture and weaves. Grande's song was also accused of stealing the sounds of similar songs by Princess Nokia, Soulja Boy and 2Chainz. Grande apologized on social media and claimed it was "never my intention to offend anybody."

### OSCAR NOMINATIONS ARE ANNOUNCED

The 2019 Oscar nominations were announced this week with some surprising nominations — and snubs — occurring. "Black Panther" made history by being one of the first superhero films to be nominated for the coveted Best Picture spot. One notable snub was Bradley Cooper being left out of the Best Director category. "A Star Is Born" is nominated for Best Picture, but historically there have only been two films that have won Best Picture without their director simultaneously being nominated as well.

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### BRYAN SINGER DENIES ACCUSATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE

Four men between the ages of 13 to 18 have accused Singer of sexual assault and forced sexual contact without consent. Singer has continuously denied the claims (these accusations have been made public before), but that did not stop him from losing his job. Even though Singer is credited as the director of the critically-acclaimed and Golden Globe-winning movie "Bohemian Rhapsody," he was actually fired from the movie after production was halted "due to the unexpected unavailability of Bryan Singer."

After a series of busy weeks and weekends chockfull of new and returning TV, the final weekend of January is shaping up to be a slow one. This doesn't mean that anything worth watching isn't happening, of course, because there's plenty of good shows and specials to tune in for. From the final episodes of Netflix's "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt" to Fox's live "Rent" musical, here's what to watch on TV this weekend. **ANDREW HUSBAND**

### 25TH ANNUAL SCREEN ACTORS GUILD AWARDS

***Jan. 27 at 8 p.m. on TNT/TBS***
The Golden Globes have come and gone and the Oscar nominations were announced earlier this week, but that doesn't mean awards season is over. On the contrary, there are plenty of awards shows to go before the Academy Awards are handed out to the winners in late February. Like Sunday's 25th Annual Screen Actors Guild Awards, which will offer analysts predictions about who just might take home the Oscars based on who wins the SAGs.

### "AMANDA SEALES: I BE KNOWIN'"

***Jan. 26 at 10 p.m. on HBO***
Best known for her work as the scene-stealing Tiffany DuBois on Issa Rae's hit HBO comedy "Insecure," comedian, actress and writer Amanda Seales is about to debut her first hourlong stand-up special on Saturday. Titled "I Be Knowin'," the comic delves into catcalling versus compliments, a woman's "vagenda," who runs the windows on an airplane, workplace email etiquette and how to be a "Hannah" instead of a "Becky." The special was taped at the Edison Ballroom in New York City.

### "RENT"

***Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. on Fox***
For the past few years, live TV musicals based on everything from Disney movies to Broadway shows have been popping up on broadcast. The latest entry in the mix? Fox's live telecast of the Tony Award- and Pulitzer Prize-winning musical "Rent," which was written by the late Jonathan Larson. The cast includes Vanessa Hudgens, Kiersey Clemons, Brandon Victor Dixon and many more.

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Why do New Yorkers walk so fast? Where is everyone going at such breakneck speed? I often get caught up in the hustle and find myself walking double time for no apparent reason. I convince myself that my hurried pace will help me to catch the train, bus or ferry. In reality, most trains and buses only have a short wait time to begin with, so what's all the hurrying for? I realized I needed to slow down when I was in an unsolicited race while walking along the sidewalk. The person's hurried steps next to me compelled me to pick up my speed, which in turn made my competitor's pace get even faster. After all this unplanned morning competition, we stood next to each other on the subway platform waiting for the same train, no apparent winner in sight.

— **Bernadette**, *Metro US reader*

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**HOT TAKE: I ACTUALLY LIKE THE COLD!**

Everyone has been complaining lately about how cold it has become. Here's something that is controversial: I like the cold! I love being able to bundle up in a sweater and a coat when the temperature dips down. Even better, I like bundling up with a ton of blankets when I go to sleep at night. I say, bring on the cold!! It's better than sweating uncontrollably during the summer.

— **Dan**, *Metro New York reader*

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**Aries** Emotions will run high, and you will need to channel your energy into something productive. Much can be accomplished if you focus on being helpful and loving.

**Taurus** Keep everything in order. Don't lose sight of your goals. Focus on quality, not quantity. Take care of unfinished personal business, de-clutter your life and let new beginnings emerge.

**Gemini** Socialize, travel and learn. Discuss your feelings, intentions and plans with a loved one. Change requires thought and a precise blueprint for you to follow.

**Cancer** Slow down and think before you make a move or say something you'll regret. Concentrate on projects that require you to learn something new or that challenge your imagination.

**Leo** Aim to get ahead. Success will be yours if you mix business with pleasure. Personal improvements will lead to compliments, and romance will enrich your life. Live up to your promises.

**Virgo** Live within your means. Learn from your mistakes. Don't let anger take the reins when the best revenge is your own success. Focus on what you can do, not on what you cannot.

**Libra** Know what you want, and don't let anyone come between you and achieving your goal. Let your charm and intelligence help you outmaneuver anyone trying to hold you back.

**Scorpio** Stick to your game plan and refuse to let what others do interject and lead you off course. Taking a different approach and working alone will bring the highest returns.

**Sagittarius** Pick up the pace and take care of unfinished business. Make plans that encourage exercise, proper diet and a chance to try something new. Plan a romantic evening.

**Capricorn** Walk away from unstable people and projects that aren't intriguing or realistic. Don't let anyone tamper with your emotions or box you into a corner. Know when to say no.

**Aquarius** If you connect with former co-workers, an opportunity or suggestion will lead to a new beginning. Plan something special with a loved one.

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NEWS

The new home of PABJ. CHARLES MOSTOLLER

# Center City's Pipeline Philly coworking space new home of PABJ

After 45 years, the Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists has a headquarters in Center City.

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For the first time in its 45-year history, the Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists (PABJ) has a formal headquarters for its meetings, professional development workshops and events to connect with the community.

Led by new PABJ president and NBC 10 assignment editor Manuel McDonnell-Smith, PABJ will have a two-year residency at Pipeline Philly, a workspace co-owned by local businessman Tayyib Smith.

A $12,500 grant from journalism nonprofit The Lenfest Institute helped secure PABJ's new space at Pipeline Philly.

McDonnell-Smith is focused on the evolution of PABJ's role in assisting black journalists and the community at large. "The whole essence of this conversation is that for 45 years PABJ has advocated for more diversity in newsrooms, but at the same time, the business changes in journalism have been evolving," he said. "In 2019, a different conversation on how we approach journalism and how it affects communities of color is happening, and equitable information helps."

**$12.5K**

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PABJ's announcement comes at a particularly tense time for black journalists and the black community. In addition to a media landscape often lacking diversity and inclusion, a recent viral tweet from Fox News contributor Jesse Kelly about the lack of diversity in CBS' roster of political reporters for the 2020 elections asserted the possibility that black people might not have an interest in journalism.

Comments like Kelly's tweet show the importance of PABJ's plight to push for more diversity and inclusion in journalism and to advocate for more accurate storytelling that reflects a diverse population of people.

"People are dragging CBS for not having enough black people, but has anyone considered the obvious explanation that many black people have no interest in journalism? Cultures are different and value different things. Doesn't make CBS the KKK," Kelly tweeted recently.

With a long career serving a diverse Philly community as an entrepreneur, Tayyib Smith understands the importance of stability for black journalists working to tell stories in a volatile industry. "We're proud to be the new headquarters for PABJ," Smith said. "As a native Philadelphian I know the imperative of independent black media. We're excited to witness and be the home to the next phase of the institution's growth."

Job loss in journalism has been well documented in recent years. News site Buzzfeed announced plans Wednesday to lay off 15 percent of its workforce and newspaper publisher Gannett also began nationwide layoffs.

To better prepare journalists for changing times, McDonnell-Smith is adamant about exposing black journalists to new ways of doing sustainable business. "Pipeline Philly marries two conversations: We want to advocate for journalists in traditional news and expand by bringing in bloggers, podcasters and digital journalists who felt like they didn't have a home at PABJ while expanding on what we think is journalism," he said.

According to McDonnell-Smith, PABJ's new home at one of the most prominent workspaces in Philly is part of an intentional effort to help black journalists develop an entrepreneurial mindset. "Pipeline Philly has entrepreneurs with all different businesses. Say you're a freelance writer. That doesn't mean you can't write for insurance companies, for bills or grant applications. Pipeline helps in making a connection for that ecosystem," McDonnell-Smith emphasized.

**"As a native Philadelphian I know the imperative of independent black media. We're excited to witness and be the home to the next phase of the institution's growth."**

Tayyib Smith, co-owner, Pipeline Philly

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# Wolf, Philly electricians, others step up to help federal workers

The federal shutdown is still dragging on and on (and on). With some federal workers expected to miss their second paycheck this Friday, the crisis is becoming more and more painful for the families affected — including those of roughly 12,000 federal employees in Pennsylvania and 800,000 nationwide.

But locally, more and more groups and officials are offering a helping hand, stepping up to try and remedy the problem.

International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 98, the Philly electricians' union, this week donated two food trucks — Wahlburgers and the Pizza Wagon — this week to serve up hot meals to Transportation Security Administration (TSA) workers.

TSA agents, who handle airport security, are among the workers hit especially hard during the shutdown, required to stay on the job without a paycheck. In cities like Houston and Atlanta, airports have reported significant delays as some workers call out sick. Over the three-day weekend that included Martin Luther King Jr. Day, approximately 10 percent of screeners called out sick, the Associated Press reported.

The IBEW-paid trucks were at Philadelphia International Airport for a morning and afternoon shift Wednesday and are scheduled to return Friday from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. for TSA workers exclusively.

**$25K**

IBEW Local 98 is donating $25,000 to Philabundance, which on Wednesday kicked off a weekly food market for furloughed federal workers at Front and Tasker streets.

On top of that, IBEW Local 98 is donating $25,000 to Philabundance, which on Wednesday kicked off a weekly food market for furloughed federal workers at Front and Tasker streets. The first market on Wednesday was met with a line of hundreds that wrapped around the block.

The Career Wardrobe, a nonprofit that provides heavily discounted professional clothing to low-income individuals, will be holding a special event for furloughed federal workers on Monday. Its special monthly "Bag of HOPE" event — where customers can fill a bag with pre-selected items for $30 at its The Wardrobe Resale store at 1822 Spring Garden St. — will be open this month to federal workers. Workers with government IDs can fill a bag for free on Monday from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, Gov. Tom Wolf announced the state will use its own funds to pay federal employees working at state agencies, but said other core state functions are being impacted by the shutdown.

"Agencies across state government are working with local officials and organizations that rely on federal funding. We are temporarily using state funds to fill the gaps where we can. We are working to assist affected workers however we can. I urge businesses and creditors to show compassion for federal employees that are not being paid," Wolf said in a statement. "I hope that the president will agree to accept the bipartisan funding bills and continue his fight over the wall for another day without the pain of this shutdown for workers, their families, and their communities."

The Office of Administration is using state funds to pay federally funded employees working at state agencies, and expects reimbursement after the shutdown ends, Wolf's office said. But the state has also had to pay up to $7.1 million to the Department of Transportation in nonreimbursable expenses.

Trainings for first responders and emergency management practitioners have been canceled. A Department of Conservation and Natural Resources elevation mapping project that requires federal funds is on hold.

And the Department of Environmental Protection is facing delays in issuing final approvals on grant funding and permitting functions — while also still awaiting a now-delayed EPA report evaluating the effects of PFAS levels found in suburban Philly watersheds.

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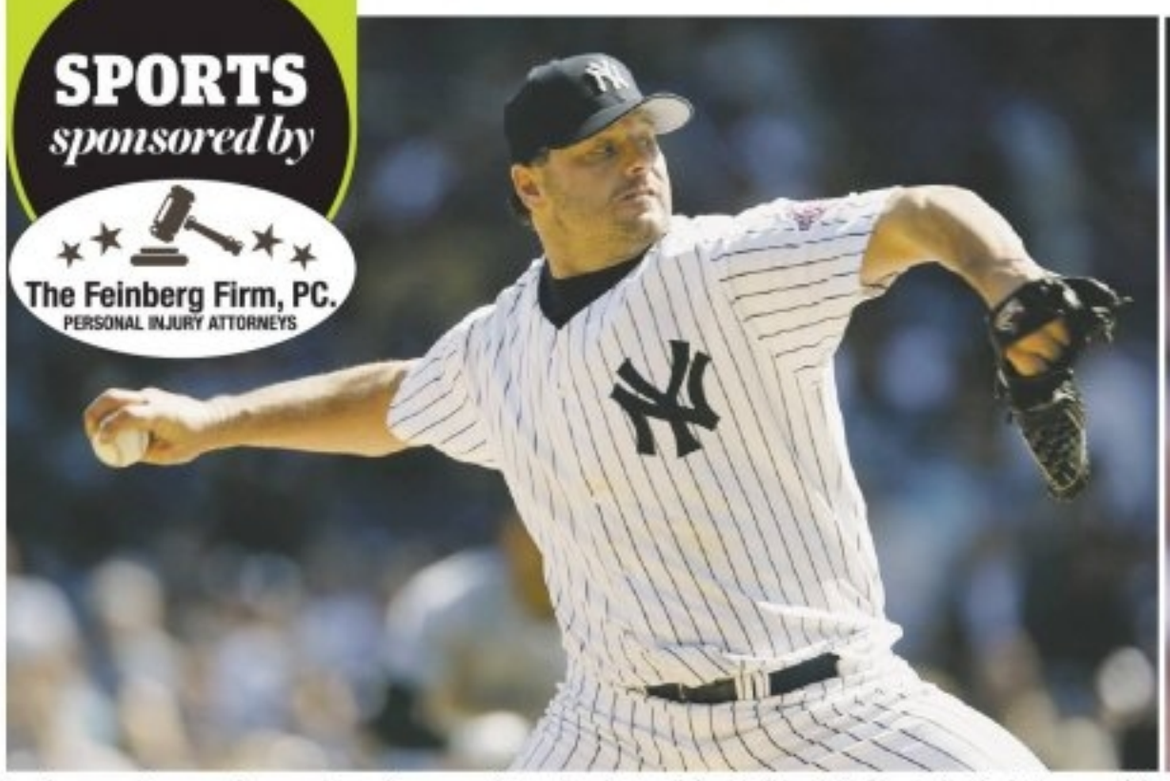

For the seventh consecutive year, Roger Clemens and Barry Bonds were left out of the Hall of Fame despite being two of the most dominant players of their era. GETTY IMAGES

# WILL WE EVER SEE ROGER CLEMENS, BARRY BONDS IN THE HALL OF FAME?

OPINION

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Tuesday night brought life-changing news for a quartet of former pro ballplayers as Mariano Rivera, Roy Halladay, Edgar Martinez and Mike Mussina got the call for enshrinement into the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., the game's most prolific achievement upon its most hallowed grounds.

Yet a dark cloud continues to loom over the entire selection process.

You see, two of the game's greatest players — Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens — are still not in the Hall of Fame.

By now, you know the numbers of these transcendent stars. Based on numbers alone, these are first-ballot Hall of Famers. Yet their connection to performance-enhancing drugs (PEDs) has stained their legacies and denied their entrance into the Hall of Fame.

This was both Clemens and Bonds' seventh year on the ballot and once again, they fell plenty short of the 75 percent of votes needed from the 425 members of the BBWAA. Clemens accrued 59.5 percent of the vote, while Bonds picked up 59.1 percent.

## DO THEY BELONG?

With just three years of eligibility left before they are removed from the ballot completely, the question of whether Bonds and Clemens belong in the Hall of Fame continues to become a more pressing matter.

It really comes down to just two trains of thought:

1) Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens used PEDs to gain an unfair advantage, and therefore should be disqualified from Hall of Fame consideration.

2) Regardless of steroid usage, Barry Bonds and Roger Clemens were the greatest players of their time period and deserve to be among the game's best in Cooperstown.

But if it was only that simple.

I believe one of the hardest things to do is to hit a round ball with a rounded bat while said ball is traveling at speeds upwards of 100 miles per hour. On the pitcher's side, being able to control what is basically a spherical weapon with pinpoint accuracy while deceiving the batter with movements that seem to defy physics is one of the most impressive things in sports.

For the most part, no amount of steroids or PEDs could ever diminish those fundamental values, which is why a pitcher with that many strikeouts or a batter with almost 3,000 hits should be in the Hall of Fame.

This is where the anti-induction party makes their strongest point, which is more than valid: Bonds' claim to fame — the home run — was likely a byproduct of those PEDs.

Once he moved to the Giants, Bonds' power numbers inexplicably exploded as he seemingly doubled in size from slender base stealer to gargantuan slugger.

For pitchers like Clemens, PEDs bring more power to their pitches, allowing hurlers to not only throw the ball faster but to get more revs on it. The more revs on the ball, the more elusive the pitch becomes as it can cut through the zone more effectively.

No one will truly know how many of Clemens' strikeouts were attributed to that unfair advantage.

## HOW UNFAIR WAS THEIR ADVANTAGE?

Bonds and Clemens dominated the game in a time where steroid use was common. The Mitchell Report in 2007 uncovered 89 players who used PEDs, which is likely only a fraction of the countless ballplayers that turned to steroids to gain an advantage.

With usage seemingly rampant throughout the league, the majors simply have to isolate the steroid era in baseball, much as it did with the Deadball Era in the early 1900s.

In the game's earliest days, pitchers were allowed to doctor the ball — most notably with the spitball — that would remain unchanged for a majority of the game. Back then, a ball wasn't swapped out every other pitch or every time it was put in play. One game, one ball.

By game's end, the ball was browned by dirt, spit, tobacco juice, files, or whatever else pitchers could get their hands on to alter the flight of the baseball. But in 1920, the spitball was outlawed and balls were cycled throughout the game, resulting in a major boom in offense that was coupled with the emergence of Babe Ruth.

Jack Chesbro and Ed Walsh were not barred from the Hall of Fame because they utilized an outlawed pitch before it was banned. Neither was Burleigh Grimes, who was still allowed to throw the pitch after its banishment behind a grandfather clause. (He pitched until 1934.)

Even Don Drysdale or Gaylord Perry, who were suspected of throwing the spitball decades after the ban, are enshrined in Cooperstown.

Both Bonds and Clemens began playing in the 1980s, before the league put steroids on the banned substance list in 1991. They didn't even start testing for PEDs until 2003, four years before the end of Clemens and Bonds' careers.

If everyone was doing it without proper policing by the league, why should they be punished for being the best of that era? It's something Major League Baseball and the voters have to seriously consider as time is running out on two all-time greats as their induction percentages slowly continue to increase.

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# Report: Broncos 'may consider' acquiring Nick Foles

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Could the veteran quarterback be calling the Mile High City home in a couple of months?

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Over the last month or so, it has been widely reported that Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Nick Foles will be playing elsewhere next season. It is just a matter of how the Eagles want to depart from the reigning Super Bowl MVP.

Philadelphia could opt to trade Foles after applying the franchise tag or exercising his $20 million option for next season. The Miami Dolphins did this same thing to wide receiver Jarvis Landry last offseason.

If the Eagles do decide to go this route, they should reportedly have a quality trade market for the veteran quarterback. Outside of the New York Giants and Jacksonville Jaguars, another team that could end up trading for him is the Denver Broncos.

According to Mike Klis of 9 News, Denver "may consider" signing pending free agent quarterback Joe Flacco or acquiring Foles, especially with how starter Case Keenum played this season.

The Broncos signed Keenum to a two-year, $36 million deal last offseason after he led the Minnesota Vikings to the NFC Championship Game.

In a recent radio appearance on Orange and Blue 760, Klis detailed what the Broncos could do at the quarterback position this offseason.

"They don't have a young quarterback in the system," he said. "They gotta figure out how to get one. Plan B is Flacco and Foles. If those guys are available, the Broncos may look at that. With [new head coach] Vic Fangio, if you want to win right away, and get to the playoffs right away, which it appears the Broncos do, maybe Flacco and Foles are the answer."

If this is the case, what could the Eagles possibly get in return from the Broncos?

As things currently stand, the Broncos have nine picks in the NFL draft, the same number of picks the Eagles have. However, Denver does have two fourth-round and two fifth-round picks, which they could dangle in a deal.

Would Broncos GM Jon Elway be open to trading away a second and one of their fourth-round picks in exchange for Foles? They would still get to keep their first-round pick to address another position of need and get an upgrade at quarterback.

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# Sixers nearing championship but still must show improvement

Philly has made a ton of inroads since the early days of the Brett Brown era, but are not a finished product yet.

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When Brett Brown was hired as the Philadelphia 76ers head coach, he stated that one of his ultimate goals was to bring a championship to the city. It is a lofty goal, indeed.

Fast-forward to now, the middle of Brown's sixth season, and the Sixers are closer, for sure. But they're not ready to win a championship. Not yet.

To be fair, Brown took over one of the worst rosters. Too many players have come through the doors of the Wells Fargo Center, such as Henry Sims, Hollis Thompson, Casper Ware, Sonny Weems and Christian Wood. In addition to those players, there were so many others that he had to coach.

From Sam Hinkie to Bryan Colangelo and now to Elton Brand, the Sixers are finally on the proper path for their first title since 1982-83.

Last season, the Sixers won 52 games, defeated the Miami Heat in five games and were then bounced in five games by the Boston Celtics in the Eastern Conference semi-finals. Much of the passionate Sixers fan base went ballistic about losing, but the Celtics were simply the better team.

In 2018-19, the Sixers are on pace to eclipse last season's win total in the regular season. Joel Embiid is healthy. Ben Simmons refuses to shoot jump shots, but he's an incredibly talented player who does so many things at a very high level.

Jimmy Butler joined the team in November thanks to a blockbuster trade by Brand. He is still trying to fit in, but his talent is immense. Butler has already won two games with last-second, game-winning shots.

That being said, is the roster perfect? Hardly.

J.J. Redick is a sniper from three-point territory and he's also playing the best basketball of his solid career.

Brown has a tough task in trying to mesh his three stars — Embiid, Simmons, and Butler. Embiid is performing at an MVP level. Simmons is racking up triple-doubles but will need to improve in certain areas once the playoffs begin.

Head coach Brett Brown of the Philadelphia 76ers talks to Ben Simmons (No. 25). ALL IMAGES GETTY IMAGES

As we saw in last year's playoffs, teams are going to pack the paint and force Simmons to shoot. Teams are also going to foul him a lot down the stretch and force him to make clutch free throws.

Playoff games come to a screeching halt at times, so the Sixers are going to have to make shots. Aside from Redick, they're not a very good shooting team.

The bench is also thin with the loss of Dario Saric and Robert Covington in the Butler trade. Oh, and we haven't mentioned Markelle Fultz yet. Who knows if he'll ever play another game for the Sixers.

Fultz is a former No. 1 overall pick and it hurts not having him in the lineup. He could have been Jayson Tatum, and everyone can see how well that move is working out for the Celtics.

However, the Sixers' bench — T.J. McConnell, Furkan Korkmaz, Jonah Bolden, Amir Johnson, Landry Shamet and Mike Muscala among others — needs to get better.

If the Sixers harbor championship hopes, the bench must improve. Brand is certainly aware wof this fact. When Brown looks to his bench, he doesn't see anyone like Bobby Jones.

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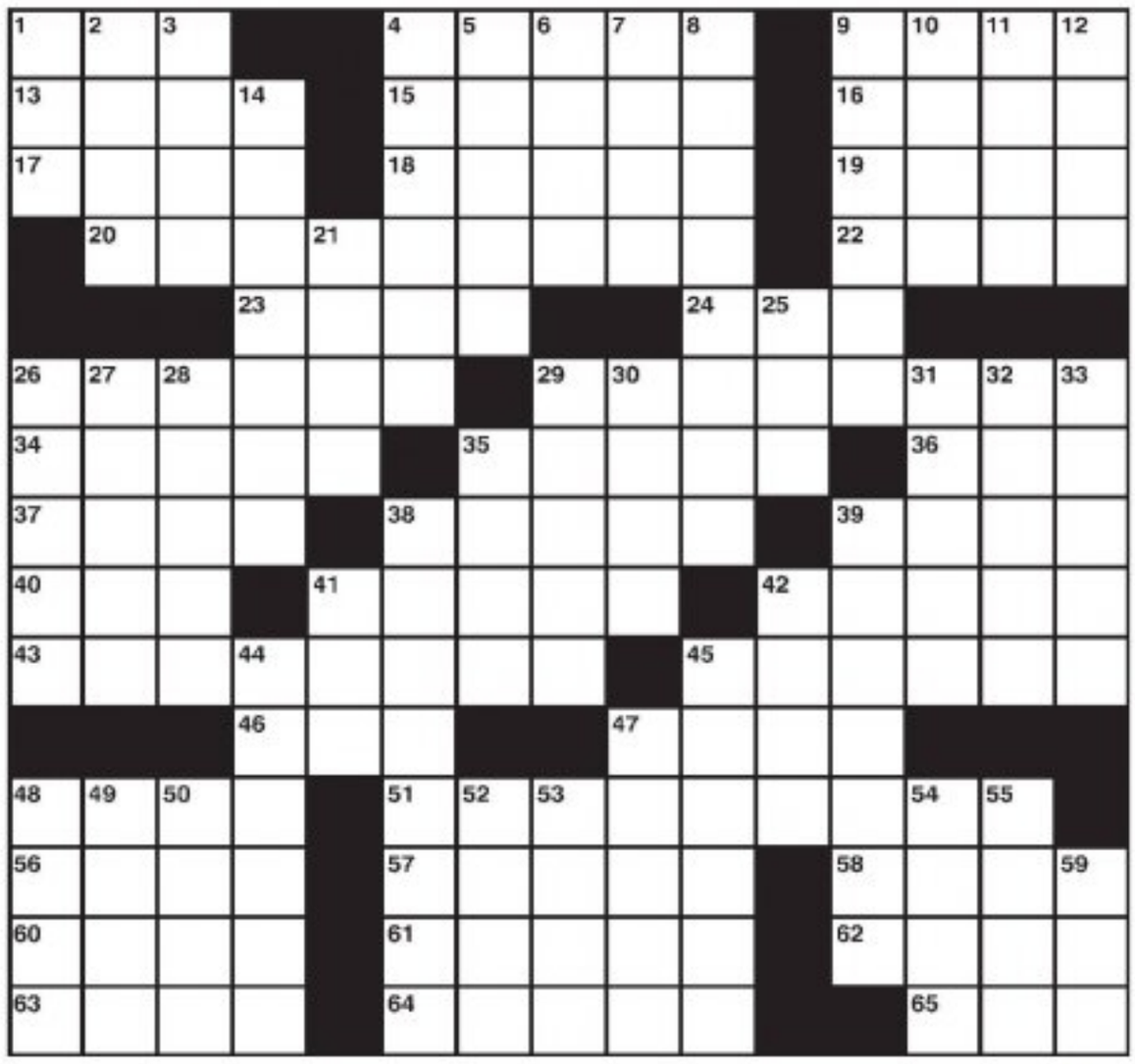

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**ACROSS**

1 Head topper
4 Ice cream portion
9 "__ upon a time..."
13 Correct a manuscript
15 Show the truth of
16 Ring out
17 May honoree
18 Levels
19 __ up; become cheery again
20 Glee
22 Likelihood
23 Practical jokes
24 Feminine ending
26 Valuables
29 Violent rushes of water
34 After-dinner candies
35 Inner __; pool toys
36 Small battery
37 Middle __; historical period
38 Gave a monetary penalty to
39 Waiter's hopes
40 "Murder, __ Wrote"
41 Stacked
42 Rescues
43 Overexerted oneself
45 Building in a vineyard
46 Luau accessory
47 Crooner Crosby
48 Spill the beans
51 Unfamiliar people
56 Easy stride
57 Lift with effort
58 Dishonest one
60 Take __; assume control
61 Shed crocodile tears
62 Villain
63 Finest
64 __ from; talk out of
65 Drink slowly

**DOWN**

1 __ and haw; hesitate
2 Eve's man
3 Magazine title
4 Bits of parsley
5 Stuffs
6 Seep out
7 Microwave, e.g.
8 Badgered
9 Take a stand against
10 Requirement
11 Jack or joker
12 BPOE folks
14 Dartboards
21 Word of disgust
25 Dads of Jrs.
26 Accumulate
27 Vision
28 Smile derisively
29 Adjusted a piano
30 Son of Boaz & Ruth
31 Innocent
32 Narrow candle
33 Impudent
35 Flooring piece
38 Over and done
39 Hybrid citrus
41 Dessert choice
42 Warble
44 Mr. Einstein
45 Fall's follower
47 Keep a cooking turkey moist
48 Shapeless mass
49 "All's fair in __ and war"
50 Chimps & others
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53 Mob violence
54 Big __; 18-wheelers
55 Calcutta dress
59 Maxine Waters, for one: abbr.

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